

## Episode 9 - Undisclosed Title



### Redemption Island - Night 21

Over at Redemption Island, Shannon is just arriving after just being blindsided at La Flor's Tribal Council. "You got the knife too?" Benry asks him. "It was Brenda," Shannon states. "Was it Brenda?" Benry asks again. "Had to have been," Shannon replies. "I got frickin' blindsided by those <censored>," **Shannon** vents to the camera. "I mean, the only one I can think of would be *Brenda*, uh, switched the vote on me cause Na's too stupid; Fabio and Kelly [B.] aren't even playing the game, so...yeah, I guess I got stabbed in the back by *Brenda*," he decides. As Shannon joins Benry in his shelter, a violent storm hits the beach, with strong winds and torrential rain. "Unbelievable," Benry says aloud, as he tries to stay dry. "Man, Shannon gets here and he brings with him probably the worst storm we've had in 21 days," **Benry** narrates in his confessional. "It's windy; the rain is freezing cold. It's not easy being out here; that's for sure." Shannon has an even harder time facing the element: "I'm miserable," **Shannon** complains. "I've got rain comin' down on me. I'm sleeping in a crappy-built shelter with Benry; like, it couldn't have even been a hot girl," he continues. "Redemption Island is *hell*. It's just brutal." "No chance of staying dry tonight," Benry then says.

### La Flor Tribe ("Younger Tribe") - Night 21

On Night 21, La Flor returns to camp in the pouring rain after just voting Shannon out at Tribal Council. They quickly cover the fire and then huddle under the shelter together. "At Tribal Council, we blindsided Shannon and it was a success," **Brenda** tells the camera, "so...right now, I definitely feel like I'm in control at La Flor. If we were going to another Tribal Council, I'd vote *Alina* out, but...we're gonna need her vote after the merge." "I'm freezing and soaking wet again," Alina shivers, as she is left closest to the outside of the shelter. "I'm in a really weird position because obviously I'm on the *outs* again; I voted for NaOnka and four other people voted for Shannon, so Shannon went to Redemption Island," **Alina** expresses. "Alina, you had to have been *shocked*," NaOnka gloats. Alina says that she honestly has no idea why Shannon was voted out. "I mean, I'm not complaining at all to be here; I'm obviously glad," she explains. "I'm just shocked " "It sucks that Na's still here, with her bad attitude," **Alina** says in another confessional. <NaOnka complains that it's probably going to rain all night> "It's actually kind of *infuriating*; like, I can't stand her, but...Shannon getting voted out might buy me a *little* more time because I *definitely* expect there to be a merge in the next three days."

### La Flor Tribe ("Younger Tribe") - Day 22

The next morning, Alina sits alone by the fire, staring intently into the flames: "When I woke up this morning, I kinda just felt really alone in a way, even though I'm with all these people," **Alina** tells the camera. "I feel like it's like high school again. I feel like NaOnka's the big bully, and they're a clique that I just don't want to be involved with." Treemail then arrives at La Flor announcing the upcoming duel. The treemail invites the whole tribe from each camp to witness the duel. As

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Brenda finishes reading the treemail, the younger tribe guesses that this might be the last duel or the merge. "It's been 22 days living with the same people, listening to the same stories," **Brenda** tells the camera. "Even though I just *kinda* got control over here, I'm ready to move on with the game." Fabio does not share in Brenda's optimistic attitude, however. "It's *annoying*, man," he complains, as they gather their belongings. "We gotta pack up our stuff... Why can't they just say 'merge?'" he questions. "Why is everything, like, a *puzzle* all the time?"

### **Espada Tribe ("Older Tribe") - Day 22**

Meanwhile, over at **Espada**, they come to the same conclusion that this treemail might signal a merge. So, they begin packing up their stuff. In her confessional, **Jill** reflects on the mistakes she made earlier in the game: "Being older and hopefully wiser, I think my game started off a little too aggressive, so if we do merge today, um, rather than frantically scrambling around, I'm gonna learn from my mistakes, be a little more patient, and wait to see how things shake down," she contemplates. "You know, I also want to patch things up with *Jane*." "I don't know what you think I did to you, why you don't trust me, but...I'm totally willing to bury whatever hatchet and work with you," Jill offers to Jane, as the tribe continues to prepare for a possible merge. "We *have* to," Marty chimes in. Jane remains stubborn, however: "Jill has been my *enemy* in this game since Day 3," **Jane** reminds us. "She wrote *my* name down first; I didn't write her name down until they voted for Dan, so...I have an alliance with the **Espada** tribe, but I don't have one with Jill, and...Marty and J.T. [Jimmy T.] should *know* that."

### **Redemption Island - Day 22**

Meanwhile on Redemption Island, Shannon and Benry are preparing for the upcoming duel. "I mean, I'll be honest; I like you more than I like those idiots back on my tribe," Shannon tells Benry. "Amen," Benry replies. "I'm still gonna try to kick your ass," Shannon then says. Benry then shares his thoughts in his confessional: "Shannon's no *joke*, man," **Benry** begins. "I mean, he wants to get back in this game just as bad as I do, but...I didn't spend the last 14 days roughing it on Redemption Island to get sent home, so...I'm gonna give him a fight."

### **Redemption Island Arena - Day 22**

Shannon and Benry arrive at the Redemption Island arena to find both tribes in the audience. Jeff Probst reveals that the winner of today's duel goes back in the game. The challengers are thrilled to hear this, but **Brenda** is worried. She is confident that Benry will join **Espada**, since **La Flor** put him on Redemption Island. "Because that's what I would do if it were me," she finishes. Jeff then explains the rules of the duel. Each castaway will place their foot on one end of a balancing board. On the other end is a ceramic vase. When the vase falls, they are out of the challenge and out of the game. Last person left standing with their vase intact rejoins the game and their shot at the money. The loser will become the second member of the jury.

The duel is a tense competition between Shannon and Benry, with both men focused on the goal at hand. After nearly an hour, Shannon loses his concentration, causing the vase to fall and break. So, for the sixth time in a row, Benry wins the duel and this time gets to re-enter the game. "Redemption is *mine*, baby!" Benry joyfully shouts. "Yeah, I think I got screwed by my tribe; you know, I really wanted to win the million dollars for my family," **Shannon** says in his final confessional, "so...I hope the rest of the **La Flor** tribe gets knocked off one-by-one and if *not*, I mean, I'll get my say on the jury." As Shannon tosses his buff into the fire, Jeff gives Benry a new buff and announces that the tribes are now merged. "It's *official*; we're merged," **Alina** joyfully recaps. "We're gonna be one big tribe, and there's a one-in-ten shot at a million dollars. It's a good feeling." He tosses a bag of new red buffs to the merged tribe and gives them a choice of which camp they would like to live at. After deliberating, the castaways choose the former **Espada** camp. Much to the surprise of everyone, Jeff also announces that Redemption Island is done. "No more second chances," Jeff tells them. Benry is thrilled to be back in the game: "I felt on top of the world. Every duel, every day I spent on Redemption Island was worth it," **Benry** revels, "but...I'm not about to get my torch put out again. I got a second chance at life in the game of Survivor. I gotta step up my *game*, I guess."

## **Merged Tribe - Day 22**

As the merged tribe arrives back at **Espada**'s beach, they are delighted to find an abundance of food that includes meat, bread, fruits, vegetables, cookies, and drinks. "Here's to a new adventure and getting to know each other," Jane toasts to the merged tribe. "There's so much, this is amazing," Alina exclaims. "I saw those chocolate chip cookies, the bread, salami, just *everything*," **Kelly B.** narrates the feast. "I didn't know where to start. It was heaven. It was exactly what we all wanted and more." "I'm so happy right now," Alina then glows. "This merge was huge for me because I was supposed to be gone a long time ago on **Espada**," **Jill** says in her confessional. "We *are* outnumbered; it's six original **La Flor**, and four original **Espada**, but...hopefully Jane stays loyal and the four of us can work with Benry and Alina."

As they are enjoying their picnic, the subject of a new tribe name comes up. "What about, like, Conquistador?" Fabio asks. "What about *Conquista*?" Benry then suggests. "That sounds like a tribe name." Everyone agrees on **Conquista** and makes it their name. "That's a great name," Brenda praises him, but NaOnka doesn't feel the same: "Benry hasn't even been back in the game all of five minutes and he's already comin' up with our new name," **NaOnka** angrily expresses. "Like, here we are havin' this meal and celebrating the new tribe, and... every time I look across and see Benry, I wanted to throw up all over that blanket [of food]." **Conquista** continues to enjoy their merge feast, as Benry says, "I feel like I have no table manners," and licks his fingers while eating. "Every single one of my plans could go south *real* fast," NaOnka continues in her confessional, "so... I'm gonna have to put on my game face, and just be *fake* to him, you know? Faker than faux *fur*..."

As the rest of their tribe finishes the feast, Brenda, NaOnka, Kelly B., and Fabio break off from the group. "He got himself a one-way ticket to **Espada**; I know it," NaOnka fears. Brenda says that if they want Benry out they have to get to **Espada** first. "I want him *gone*," NaOnka pleads. Once again, Fabio and Kelly B. seem undecided. "He didn't seem like he was too *upset*," Fabio then observes. "Within the **La Flor** tribe, there's an alliance of me, NaOnka, Fabio, and Kelly B.," **Brenda** reveals. "We're the Final Four, so...we have the power to decide who gets voted out. Do we stay true to **La Flor** with Benry and Alina and vote out one of the older tribe members or do we form an alliance with **Espada** to take out Benry and *Alina*?" Later in the day, Fabio is lounging on the beach and Benry comes up and sits next to him. "What's going on, dude?" Benry asks him. The two share some awkward small talk, before Fabio shares his true thoughts in his confessional: "Benry coming back into the game, it's like going through a really rough break-up, man, and then having to live with your ex," **Fabio** tells the camera. "You're just...walking on *egg shells*." The other four **La Flor** members then meet with Benry and Alina away from camp. "I'm glad you came back because I feel like you got a raw *deal*," Brenda tries to win Benry back over. "That's the way the cookie crumbles," Benry responds. "I think I was welcomed with open arms into this tribe and, you know, back into the **La Flor** tribe," **Benry** narrates. "They definitely kissed my ass a little bit, which...they *should*, but...Alina and I could absolutely flip the game and I'm not making any decisions just yet." "I want you to know, like, I'm with you 100%," NaOnka butters up Benry. "I just wanna stay **La Flor** and get **Espada** out one by one by one." "Just think about this, we could be Final Six right here," NaOnka continues. "I think that's a great plan," Benry decides. "*Definitely*," Brenda adds. It seems that the six younger tribemates have a new alliance in place. "You're not still *mad* are you [about being voted off]?" NaOnka then asks him. "No; I mean, it's water under the bridge," Benry brushes it off. "Okay, *good*," NaOnka fakely laughs. "It's gonna be very interesting at Tribal Council," **NaOnka** says in her confessional, revealing that she really intends to vote Benry off. "Like, I can't *wait* to write his damn name down; I can't wait to see the look on his face, like, '*Yeah*; we just voted you out...again.'Alina out with you."

## **Conquista Tribe - Night 22**

In the dark of night, Jill, Jane, and Marty are sitting around the fire while the rest of the **Conquista** tribe is asleep. NaOnka crawls out of the shelter and approaches them. "My tribe doesn't know that I'm talkin' to you right now," she whispers, as she scoots closer to the three older members. NaOnka then asks them what they think of Benry. "I think he's gonna be tough to beat," Jill answers. "But...isn't he with *y'all*?" Jane asks NaOnka. NaOnka denies that Alina and Benry are aligned with the younger tribe. "I haven't really said more than two words to Benry. I wanted him gone and everybody knows it," NaOnka continues. "I didn't realize that that was a possibility," Jill brings up. "Oh yeah; we could get rid of Benry and *Alina*, you know what I'm sayin'?" NaOnka immediately jumps at the first sign of interest. "And then that moves everybody up two spots." In her confessional, **Jill** recaps the situation and says that NaOnka actually wants to vote out Benry and Alina first. "I always thought that Benry and Alina were gonna be our ticket to not getting voted off, but...I mean, either way we have options," she concludes. "Plus, Jimmy T. still

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has the hidden Immunity Idol, so...I don't see any of the older members going home for a *while*."

### **Conquista Tribe - Day 23**

The next morning, Marty takes stock of his position in the newly merged tribe: "I think we kindof have the home turf advantage over these kids," **Marty** explains in his confessional. "I mean, the whole game is about adapting; adapting to every twist and turn, every merge, and...the conversation that we had last night with NaOnka, you know, she almost made it too easy." Benry and Alina then have a talk with the older tribe members, and Marty asks Benry what **La Flor** has been telling him. "They're like 'You're sticking with **La Flor**, right?'" Benry answers him. "They promised us Final Six," Alina adds. "I'll tell you right now, that's a bunch of *bull*," Marty immediately interjects. "When push comes to shove they're gonna cut you loose," Marty continues, "and they're already doing it." Benry asks what they've heard. Marty fills them in that NaOnka has already tried to make a move with them to get Benry voted out and Jill confirms the story. "*Really?!*" Alina asks in disbelief. "Yeah; *you* can't trust them, honey," Jane then adds. Alina is not happy to hear this news: "I can't believe that NaOnka was so *stupid* to make a move and try and get Benry out even before the Immunity Challenge," **Alina** expresses. "Like, she completely shot herself in the foot because now we know for sure we can't trust her." Marty then proposes working with Benry and Alina. "I admire you and I want to play the *game* with you," Marty extends his hand. "I appreciate it," Benry tells him. "So who would we vote out?" Benry asks. "Who do you want [voted out]?" Jill follows up. "It's up to you," Jimmy T. tells him. "You're helping us, so...we're gonna do what you want." "Probably *NaOnka*," Benry states the obvious, "but...let me think about it." "Just know that your best bet forward is with the old **Espada** tribe," Marty insists. "I know," Benry agrees. In his confessional, he then explains his thoughts: "To me, it *absolutely* makes sense to join up with the **Espada** tribe," **Benry** contemplates. "You know, they don't have as many options; they're weaker competitors, but...I wouldn't put it past *any* of these people, especially with NaOnka here, to get together and send me right back out the door, so...I'm gonna have to win Immunity."

### **Immunity Challenge - Push Me, Pull You**

Host Jeff Probst takes back the tribal Immunity Idol and announces that individual Immunity is what they are playing for now. Each person will have two metal handles that they will use to keep tension on a steel bar. If they release the tension, the steel bar will drop, the tile will break and they will be out of the challenge. The last person left standing in the challenge wins Immunity. Jimmy T. is the first person out of the challenge and not happy about it. Brenda and Kelly B. are then next out of the game, followed by Marty. Alina then lets her bar drop, breaking her tile. The next two out are NaOnka and Fabio, so it comes down to Jill, Jane, and Benry. Jill and Jane then both drop out at almost the same time, and Benry, fresh off of Redemption Island, wins the first individual Immunity Challenge. "Benry *continues* his winning streak!" Jeff shouts. "The challenge today was awesome," **Benry** expresses. "Got *Immunity*. Definitely showed them what's up, and...I'm *back*, baby. Benry's back in the game."

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## Conquista Tribe - Day 24

The **Conquista** members return to camp. "Congratulations, dude," Marty compliments Benry. Brenda pulls the other **La Flor** members aside to discuss the vote. "Prior to the challenge, there was still some talk of trying to vote Benry right off, but because he got the Immunity today, I feel like, once again, our hand is kind of forced," **Kelly B.** explains. "We have to stay with **La Flor** and vote out one of the old **Espada** members." Benry and Alina now join the younger castaways in a pow-wow on the beach. "Who do we want to go home?" Fabio asks his allies. "Marty seems like he's the leader of **Espada**," Benry throws out. "Tonight the **La Flor** tribe is all voting for Marty," **Brenda** summarizes. "Marty's all about the game; he's always plotting, so we just want to get him out while we have a chance." Observing the extended conversation from the shelter, Marty reiterates that it should be six votes for NaOnka. But Jane begins to worry about Benry and Alina's allegiance. "So if they're with us, why are they over there talkin' to **La Flor**?" Jane wonders to Marty and Jimmy T. "They look like they're talkin' strategy." "The two key votes in this whole tribe right now are Benry and Alina," **Jane** tells the camera. "I'm still not sure what side of the fence they're on, but right now, *they* hold the fate of whoever goes home tonight at Tribal Council." As the vote draws nearer, several castaways approach Benry and Alina about the vote, with them telling the former **La Flor** members that they're voting for Marty and the former **Espada** members that they're voting for NaOnka. "I'm telling you, this is such a good plan," Marty continues to push them. "It's done. *NaOnka*," Benry assures him. As Marty grabs his torch, he announces "It's showtime." But now Benry and Alina face a big decision: "Alina and I are really conflicted tonight," **Benry** weighs his options before the vote. "Do we go against the **La Flor** tribe and vote NaOnka or do we take out a big strategic threat in Marty? So now we gotta sit down and figure out what we're actually gonna do." "This is crucial," Benry says to Alina. "This changes our whole game." "I think we have to play *smart*," Alina tells him. "But I don't want to make this big commitment to the older tribe because if we eliminate everyone on **La Flor**, we're gonna be outnumbered." "Some of them are gonna have to go too," she continues. Benry says that, either way, they're going to be six strong. "Alina and I have our own strategy," **Benry** then says in another confessional, "and...they're gonna see at Tribal Council exactly who they're messin' with..."

## Tribal Council #10 - Conquista Tribe

At **Conquista**'s first Tribal Council, the early discussion focuses on the merge. "Can you sense the game starting to change?" Jeff asks Marty. "The game has changed *substantially*," **Marty** answers. "Not the least of it is we've increased the number of people in the shelter at night to ten, so...there's a little less room in the shelter." Jeff then brings up the topic of Redemption Island and asks NaOnka if she thinks it's fair that Benry came back into the game. "No, I don't think it's fair," **NaOnka** answers. "I mean, it sucks for whoever goes out *tonight* cause you're gone for *good*," she continues. "Your torch is goin' out and you have *no* shot at Redemption, but...nothing's fair in this crazy-ass game." Jeff then asks her if it

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would have been fair if Sash came back. "Sash was in my alliance," **NaOnka** tells him, "but...the old **La Flor** tribe is getting back together anyway, so...we're gonna be six strong." "Really?!" Jeff asks. "So Benry coming back is actually a good thing," Jeff concludes. "I guess you could say that," NaOnka responds. Continuing the discussion, Jeff asks Marty how important tonight's vote is. "Tonight's Tribal Council is, I think, going to be very important," **Marty** answers. "Either the original **La Flor** tribe is going to vote solidly like NaOnka says and **Espada**'s going to be systematically picked off, or...it could be a real game-shifter if somebody decides to flip." Jeff then asks Marty if he tried to flip anybody from **La Flor**. "I mean, let's be honest; let's not beat around the bush, the key players here are Benry and Alina," **Marty** announces. "Their votes could determine the whole course of the game." "Benry are you a swing vote?" Jeff asks for confirmation. "There's no doubt that I'm a swing vote," Benry confirms. He then asks the same question to Alina. "I'm definitely a swing vote," Alina tells him. Jeff then points out that Benry's position is even more powerful because he's wearing individual Immunity. "Yeah; I mean, the one thing I was not gonna let happen was to get voted right back out," Benry responds. "Which almost did *happen*, by the way," Marty speaks up, to the surprise of many.

Jeff asks Jill what happened and **Jill** reveals that, at the fire, NaOnka proposed voting Benry and Alina off with **Espada**. Brenda, Fabio, and Kelly B. are visibly upset. "No I did *not*!" NaOnka immediately denies. Marty jumps in to defend Jill, and NaOnka calls them both "damn liars." Marty takes offense to this: "I may be a lot of things but a liar's not one of them," he sharply responds. NaOnka continues to deny the accusation and says that they "imagined it." "They're *old*," she says. Jeff asks Jane what really happened, and **Jane** says "I don't even *like* Jill and Marty, okay? <Marty raises his eyebrows at this revelation> But...they are tellin' the truth," she confirms. "So NaOnka, did you get caught?" Jeff questions her. "*Nope*," she maintains, refusing to admit her lie. Finally, Jeff asks NaOnka if, based on everything that's been said, she'd be surprised if Benry and Alina voted with the older members. She says that she would. "Cause why would you wanna go help someone else that's not your tribe?!" **NaOnka** questions. "You voted him *out* once already!" Jeff reminds her. "We sure *did*! And we took him back," NaOnka then counters. With this, the ten **Conquista** members cast their votes.

Jeff then tallies the votes and reveals them one at a time to the tribe:

NAONKA.

MARTY.

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"We're tied: three votes NaOnka; three votes Marty," Jeff recaps.

MARTY.

NAONKA.

"Four votes NaOnka; four votes Marty," Jeff recaps.

NAONKA.

"Five votes NaOnka; four votes Marty."

"Tenth person voted out of **Survivor: Nicaragua** and the third member of our jury..."

NAONKA.

When the votes are read, it is close between NaOnka and Marty, but Benry and Alina switch sides, sending NaOnka Mixon home in a 6-4 decision. "Screw you *too*," NaOnka lashes out at those who voted her out. NaOnka will become the third member of the jury.

### Episode 10 - Undisclosed Title

Brenda, Fabio, and Kelly B. face an uphill battle in trying to convince Benry and Alina that NaOnka acted alone when she tried to vote them out. Will the former La Flor members be able to set aside their differences?

One tribe member lets the power get to their head, while another feels vulnerable when they cost their team the Reward Challenge.

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